

### **IN THE CLAIMS**

The claims are listed for the Examiner's convenience. Claims 1-16 were canceled in an earlier Preliminary Amendment.

1-16 (Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) A textile machine for spinning fiber material into thread, said textile machine comprising:

a plurality of spinning places with each of said plurality of spinning places including:

- a. a can feeding device configured for receiving of cans having said fiber material disposed therein;
- b. a modularly structured, exchangeable spinning unit positioned proximal to said can feeding device, said spinning unit configured to be removable from said spinning place and interchangeable with other of said modularly structured, exchangeable spinning units; and
- c. a winding unit positioned proximal to said spinning unit, said winding unit configured to wind thread being produced by said spinning unit onto a package.

18. (Previously Presented) A textile machine as in claim 17, further comprising a central machine control unit in communication with each of said plurality of spinning places.

19. (Previously Presented) A textile machine as in claim 17, wherein each spinning place further comprises a modularly structured, exchangeable control unit in communication with at least one of said spinning unit or said winding unit.

20. (Previously Presented) A textile machine as in claim 17, wherein each spinning place further comprises at least one individual control unit operably connected to at least one of said spinning unit or said winding unit.

21. (Previously Presented) A textile machine as in claim 17, wherein each spinning place further comprises a modularly structured and exchangeable robot for start up and piecing of spinning in said spinning unit.

22. (Previously Presented) A textile machine as in claim 17, wherein each of said spinning units includes a refinement unit comprising at least one of a drafting unit or an opening roller.

23. (Previously Presented) A textile machine as in claim 17, wherein each of said spinning units includes a spinning box that produces a thread according to one of a rotor spinning method, an air spinning method, a friction spinning method, or a false twist spinning method.

24. (Previously Presented) A textile machine as in claim 17, wherein each of said spinning units is driven by a corresponding drive unit having at least one motor.

25. (Previously Presented) A textile machine as in claim 24, wherein said at least one motor comprises a reluctance motor.

26. (Previously Presented) A textile machine for spinning fiber material into thread, said textile machine comprising:

a plurality of spinning places with each of said plurality of spinning places including:

- a. a can feeding device configured for the receiving of cans having said fiber material disposed therein;

- b. a spinning unit positioned proximal to said can feeding device, said spinning unit configured for receiving said fiber material from said cans and spinning said fiber material into said thread; and
- c. a modularly structured, exchangeable winding unit configured to wind said thread produced by said spinning unit positioned proximal to said spinning unit, said winding unit being removable from said spinning place and interchangeable with other of said modularly structured, exchangeable winding units.

27. (Previously Presented) A textile machine as in claim 26, further comprising a central machine control unit in communication with each of said plurality of spinning places.

28. (Previously Presented) A textile machine as in claim 26, wherein each spinning place further comprises a modularly structured, exchangeable control unit in communication with at least one of said spinning unit or said winding unit.

29. (Previously Presented) A textile machine as in claim 26, wherein each spinning place further comprises at least one individual control unit operably connected to at least one of said spinning unit or said winding unit.

30. (Previously Presented) A textile machine as in claim 26, wherein each of said winding units is driven by a corresponding drive unit having at least one motor.

31. (Previously Presented) A textile machine as in claim 30, wherein said at least one motor comprises a reluctance motor.

32. (Previously Presented) A textile machine for spinning fiber material into thread, said textile machine comprising:

a plurality of spinning places with each of said plurality of spinning places

including:

- a. a can feeding device configured for the receiving of cans having said fiber material disposed therein;
- b. a modularly structured, exchangeable spinning unit configured to spin said fiber material into said thread positioned proximal to said can feeding device, said spinning unit configured to be removable from said spinning place and interchangeable with other of said modularly structured, exchangeable spinning units; and
- c. a modularly structured, exchangeable winding unit configured for winding said thread produced by said spinning unit positioned proximal to said spinning unit, said winding unit configured to be removable from said spinning place and interchangeable with other of said modularly structured, exchangeable winding units.

33. (Previously Presented) A textile machine as in claim 32, further comprising a central machine control unit in communication with each of said plurality of spinning places.

34. (Previously Presented) A textile machine as in claim 32, wherein each spinning place further comprises a modularly structured, exchangeable control unit in communication with at least one of said spinning unit or said winding unit.

35. (Previously Presented) A textile machine as in claim 32, wherein each spinning place further comprises at least one individual control unit operably connected to at least one of said spinning unit or said winding unit.

36. (Previously Presented) A textile machine as in claim 32, wherein each spinning place further comprises a modularly structured and exchangeable robot for start up and piecing of spinning in said spinning unit.

37. (Previously Presented) A textile machine as in claim 32, wherein each of said spinning units includes a refinement unit comprising at least one of a drafting unit or an opening roller.

38. (Previously Presented) A textile machine as in claim 32, wherein each of said spinning units includes a spinning box that produces a thread according to one of a rotor spinning method, an air spinning method, a friction spinning method, or a false twist spinning method.

39. (Previously Presented) A textile machine as in claim 32, wherein each of said spinning units is driven by a corresponding drive unit having at least one motor.

40. (Previously Presented) A textile machine as in claim 39, wherein said at least one motor comprises a reluctance motor.

41. (Previously Presented) A textile machine as in claim 32, wherein each of said winding units is driven by a corresponding drive unit having at least one motor.

42. (Previously Presented) A textile machine as in claim 41, wherein said at least one motor comprises a reluctance motor.

43. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for use in a spinning place of a textile machine, said apparatus comprising a modularly structured, exchangeable winding unit for winding thread produced within said spinning place, said winding unit being positionable in and removable from said spinning place and said winding unit

being interchangeable with other of said modularly structured, exchangeable winding units.

44. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for use in a spinning place of a textile machine, said apparatus comprising a modularly structured, exchangeable spinning unit for spinning fiber material into a thread, said spinning unit being positionable in and removable from said spinning place and said spinning unit being interchangeable with other of said modularly structured, exchangeable spinning units.

45. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as in claim 44, wherein said spinning unit includes a refinement unit comprising at least one of a drafting unit or an opening roller.

46. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as in claim 44, wherein said spinning unit includes a spinning box that produces a thread according to one of a rotor spinning method, an air spinning method, a friction spinning method, or a false twist spinning method.

47. (Previously Presented) A textile machine as in claim 44, wherein each of said spinning units is driven by a corresponding drive unit having at least one motor.

48. (Previously Presented) A textile machine as in claim 47, wherein said at least one motor comprises a reluctance motor.